

Sunday School Lesson: All the Bible Points to Jesus

Age: 3-6 years old

Length: 25-35 minutes

Main truth: The whole Bible tells us about Jesus, our Savior and King.

Memory verse: "The scriptures... testify of me." - John 5:39, KJV

Teacher's Big Idea

This essay has adult-level details, but for ages 3-6 the main lesson should focus on this simple truth: all the Bible points to Jesus. The Old Testament and New Testament belong together because God has one saving plan in Christ. Jesus helps us understand the Scriptures. Children should learn that when they open the Bible, they are learning about Jesus the Savior King.

Supplies

- A Bible
- A toy key
- Three simple picture cards: lamb, crown, cross
- A wrapped box or treasure chest
- Coloring supplies
- A "Jesus is the key" craft sheet

Opening Question

Ask: "What does a key do?"

Let children answer. Then say: "A key helps open something. Today we will learn that Jesus helps us understand the whole Bible."

Bible Time

Hold up the Bible and say: "Jesus told people that the Scriptures tell the truth about Him."

"The scriptures... testify of me." - John 5:39, KJV

Explain: "That means the Bible points to Jesus. The stories, promises, and pictures in God's Word help us know Jesus better."

Repeat-after-me phrase: "The Bible points to Jesus."

Simple Teaching

1. Jesus Is the Center

Teacher say: "The Bible has many books, but it tells one true story about God's salvation in Jesus."

Child repeat: "The Bible points to Jesus."

2. God's Promises Come True in Jesus

Teacher say: "God made promises long ago. Jesus is the One who fulfills those promises."

Child repeat: "God keeps His promises."

3. Jesus Helps Us Understand

Teacher say: "Jesus helps His people understand the Bible. We ask Him for help as we read."

Child repeat: "Jesus helps us see."

Object Lesson

Use the toy key and the wrapped box.

Hold up the locked box and say: "This box needs a key."

Use the key to open it.

Say: "A key helps us open what we could not open by ourselves. Jesus is like the key to understanding the Bible. He helps us see how God's promises, kings, lambs, and rescue stories point to Him."

Show the lamb, crown, and cross picture cards and say: "Lamb, King, Savior. These all help us know Jesus."

Movement Activity

- "Open the Bible." Open hands like a book.
- "Look for Jesus." Put hand above eyes.
- "God made promises." Reach hands forward.
- "Jesus fulfilled them." Nod yes.
- "Jesus is King." Put hands on head like a crown.
- "Jesus saves." Cross arms over chest.

Repeat once with the children.

Short Story Illustration

Noah had a big puzzle with many pieces. At first it looked messy. But when the pieces came together, Noah could see the whole picture.

At church, his teacher said, "The Bible has many books, but they all fit together. They show us Jesus."

Noah held his Bible and smiled. "The whole Bible points to Jesus," he said.

Discussion Questions

1. Does the Bible point away from Jesus or to Jesus? Expected answer: To Jesus.
2. Who helps us understand the Bible? Expected answer: Jesus.
3. Does God keep His promises? Expected answer: Yes.
4. Is Jesus our King? Expected answer: Yes.
5. What can we say when we read the Bible? Expected answer: The Bible points to Jesus.

Craft or Table Activity

Make a "Jesus is the key" card.

Give each child a paper key shape and a folded card with a Bible on the front. Glue the key onto the card and write: "Jesus helps us understand the Bible." Let children decorate with crowns, crosses, and hearts.

Closing Prayer

Our Father in heaven, thank You for giving us the Bible. Thank You that all Your promises are true and that the Scriptures point us to Jesus. Help us love Your Word and see our Savior more clearly. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Parent Take-Home Line

The whole Bible points to Jesus, our Savior and King.